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SUBJECT: MARCH 29 GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING -- STANDARD CODE AND OTHER ISSUES

REF: A. MTN GENEVA 1720; B. MTN GENEVA 1719; C. MTN GENEVA 990

1. PATTERSON INFORMED US THAT HE IS GOING TO SEND OUT AT THE END OF THIS WEEK THE AIRGRAM CALLING FOR THE MARCH 29 MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE. PATTERSON WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO WAIT WITH THIS MESSAGE UNTIL AGREEMENT ON THE AGENDA WAS REACHED AMONG MAJOR PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, HE INFORMED US THAT APART FROM THE AGENDA ITEM CALLING FOR A REVIEW OF "THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DRAFT STANDARD CODE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS" (MTN/AG/5), HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT PUTTING ON THE AGENDA AS A SECOND ITEM ALSO THE EC REQUEST CONCERNING U.S. NOTIFICATION OF NTM/NDWM INVOLVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (REF B). A THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA WILL BE "OTHER BUSINESS."

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2. PATTERSON HAS TENTATIVELY SET A PRIVATE MEETING WITH MAJOR COUNTRIES FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, IN THE MORNING IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE SCENARIO OF THE GROUP AGRICULTURE MEETING, EC, WHICH ACCORDING TO PATTERSON ORIGINALLY REFUSED TO ATTEND SUCH A MEETING, HAS NOW AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. PATTERSON SAID THAT SHOULD A DELEGATION AT THAT MEETING REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL

ITEMS BE PUT ON THE AGENDA, HE WOULD SEND OUT A SUPPLEMENTARY AIRGRAM.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AUSTRALIANS INTEND TO PROPOSE IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE THAT A FIRM DATE BE SET FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THIS GROUP, PRESUMABLY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS AN AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL MADE IN GROUP AGRICULTURE IN DECEMBER 1976 (MTN/AG/W/14). IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE EC, A DELEGATION MAY PROPOSE THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING OF GROUP AGRICULTURE THE CANADIAN PAPER ON SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES BE DISCUSSED.

4. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A SOURCE IN EC DG VI AS WELL AS A MEMBER STATE DELEGATE THAT THE EC MAY WISH TO HAVE A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE STANDARD CODE AS WELL AS A PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF THIS CODE IN ORDER TO EXAMINE ITS APPLICABILITY TO AGRICULTURE. WALKER

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